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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN SEPTEMBER 5 TO ASK ABOUT LIKELY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TIMETABLE FOR CONSIDERATION OF S.2230, PASSED BY SENATE JULY 31, WHICH WOULD PERMIT SHIPMENT TO TURKEY OF ITEMS IN SALES PIPELINE. HARTMAN SAID IT NOW APPEARS THAT HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE WILL EXAMINE ISSUE SOMETIME DURING PERIOD SEPTEMBER 17-19 (I.E., FOLLOWING BRIEF YOM KIPPUR RECESS), WITH FLOOR ACTION PROBABLE THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

2. HARTMAN SAID ADMINISTRATION INTENDS LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED TO ASSURE HOPED-FOR POSITIVE HOUSE VOTE. HE
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CONTINUED THAT WHILE WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF TIME COMPUL-

SIONS ON TURKISH SIDE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT BILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY HOUSE PREMATURELY. HE NOTED THAT BILL'S CHANCES MIGHT BE DAMAGED IF IT WERE BROUGHT UP NEXT WEEK, IN MIDST OF DIFFICULT CONGRESS-WHITE HOUSE DELIBERATIONS ON ENERGY QUESTION, AND BEFORE WE HAVE HAD ADEQUATE TIME TO DISCUSS TURKISH ARMS QUESTION THOROUGHLY WITH CONGRESSMEN WHO WERE ON THE FENCE DURING THE LAST CONGRESSIONAL ROUND.

3. HARTMAN ASKED ESENBEL TO INFORM TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER OF IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES TO MAINTAINING IN NEW YORK ROUND OF CYPRIOT INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS SEPTEMBER 8-9, AND BEYOND, MOMENTUM ESTABLISHED IN THIRD VIENNA ROUND. IN REPLY TO ESENBEL'S COMMENT THAT ONE SHOULD NOT EXPECT DRAMATIC BREAKTHROUGH AT ANY PARTICULAR ROUND OF TALKS, HARTMAN REPEATED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT MOMENTUM BE MAINTAINED AND THAT NEGOTIATORS BE PERCEIVED TO BE AT LEAST DISCUSSING ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES, INCLUDING TERRITORIAL QUESTION. ESENBEL SAID THAT DURING HIS ANKARA CONSULTATIONS LAST MONTH HE REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF MOMENTUM AS SEEN FROM WASHINGTON PERSPECTIVE, THAT HE WAS CERTAIN GOT UNDERSTOOD, AND THAT HE WOULD AGAIN REPORT U.S. VIEWS. ROBINSON

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